



The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires. ~William Arthur Ward

According to the [Oxford Dictionaries](#), good is defined as: “having the required qualities; of a high standard”. Outstanding can be described as, “exceptionally good.” Here are some of the qualities of an outstanding teacher:

- **Outstanding teachers are clear and organized**
- **Outstanding teachers use a repertoire of teaching strategies to engage students**
- **Outstanding teachers develop positive relationships with their students**
- **Outstanding teachers adapt their lessons for individual differences**
- **Outstanding teachers assess and evaluate student learning to identify what they learned and what they have not yet learned**
- **Outstanding teachers constantly develop their management skills**
- **Outstanding teachers are reflective teachers**

Hornsby is fortunate to have an amazing number of outstanding teachers. All of which deserve recognition and appreciation. Among them is our teacher of the year, **Andrea Lane**, 8th grade English.



Purchase a Gummy-Gram for 75 cents to be sent to their homeroom on Valentine’s Day. Gummy-Grams will be sold outside of the cafeteria during lunch. Make sure you know your friend’s homeroom so we can deliver it to the right place!

Monday, February 11, 2019: A Day

Tuesday, February 12, 2019: B Day

✎ Yearbook Tuesday after school

Wednesday, February 13, 2019: A Day

✎ Choir: Bring your fundraising money in to Ms. Bell no later than Wednesday.



Thursday, February 14, 2019: B Day

✦ 7/8 orchestra viola sectional after school Thursday

Friday, February 15, 2019: A Day

✦ Have a great weekend

Saturday, February 16, 2019

✦ MATHCOUNTS Peninsula Regionals

✦ WHRO Spelling Bee



Announcements/Looking Ahead

Attention all HMS PARENTS: On February 22nd we will have our **3rd Annual Career Day** at HMS from 8-10 am. We need our parents help!

In the past we have been very fortunate to have many of our parents volunteer to present about what they do on the career day presentation cycle (Five 20-minute short and sweet presentations). Please let Mrs. Spicer know at amber.spicer@wjccschools.org if you are interested in participating. It is a great experience for our students and, we hope, for you as well.

HMS School Counselors will be coming to rising 7th and 8th grade classes to select related arts courses for next year February 14th and 15th.

High School Counselors will be coming to rising 9th grade classes to select 9th grade courses February 12th.

HMS School counselors will be sending home individualized letters in the mail to rising 8th grade families with an appointment time for a meeting to plan for high school. The meetings will start February 25th and run through March 29th.

Blaze Spirit Night will be Thursday, February 21st from 5:00-9:00 in the evening. Show the attached Blaze flyer and Blaze will donate 20% of the sale to the Hornsby PTSA. Funds raised at Hornsby PTSA Spirit Nights help fund events at our school like the Anxiety Awareness Night we will be hosting the following week.

On Thursday, February 28, Hornsby will screen the acclaimed documentary “Angst” for our community. This documentary is designed to raise awareness around anxiety. The film includes interviews with kids, teens, educators, experts, parents and a very special interview with Michael Phelps. The goal of the film is to help people identify and understand the symptoms of anxiety and encourage them to reach out for help. Angst screens in schools, communities and theaters around the world.

Hornsby PTSA Anxiety Awareness Event will happen on Thursday, February 28th from 5:30-7:30 in the evening. It will feature the movie, Angst, as well as a question and answer session with the Hornsby counselors. Here is the schedule for the evening:



5:30-5:50 Hornsby's National Junior Honor Society will be on hand to sell food; local vendors will be here to share quick tips on how to help refocus anxiety

5:50-6:00 PTSA Welcome and introduction to the movie

6:00-6:50 Showing of Angst (<https://angstmovie.com/>)

6:50-7:30 Question and Answer Session with the Hornsby Counselors

This event is free to all Hornsby families, but seating is limited so please see our EventBrite link to reserve your spot. Please note that due to the sensitive nature of this topic we would prefer students attend with an adult. This movie is suggested for children 9 years old and up.

hornsbyptsa-angstscreening.eventbrite.com

In addition to the Anxiety Awareness Event we will also have activities happening in the school to lead up to our event. We will have daily tips for helping with anxiety and focus during the morning announcements. Lavender is known to have calming properties, so we will add lavender soap to some of the student bathrooms. Hornsby will also have soothing music playing in the mail hall during the day. We know that everyone has anxiety and that in normal doses it is a healthy and natural response to stimuli. We hope that our event will help students and families recognize the healthy levels of anxiety and when to step in with additional resources if those levels step past this range.

Please turn in your **BoxTops** to help support your school. These little treasures bring in money that help support our Honor Roll program.

SHIP will be offering the following clubs this Winter/Spring:

- Running Club- After School on Wednesdays from 3:15-4:15 beginning February 20th.
- Ultimate Frisbee Club- After School on Tuesdays from 3:15-4:30 beginning February 26th (Only 25 slots available).
- Morning Basketball/Open Gym- Tuesdays Mornings from 6:50am-7:50am beginning February 26th.
- Aerobic Dance Club- After School on Thursdays from 3:15-4:30 beginning February 21st.

Sebastián Andrés Cordero Muñiz will represent Hornsby at the **Virginian-Pilot Spelling Bee** on Saturday, February 16. The event will be televised on WHRO. We wish him the best in the competition.

The **Writing SOL for our 8th graders** is quickly approaching. Please help us to prepare our students for the March test by discussing some of the possible prompts with them at home. The more background information they can acquire, the easier it will be for them when writing the essay. All 42 prompts are available [HERE](#).



On March 29th the **VA Living Museum** will be here with live, native animals for a presentation on adaptations for all 7th grade students. Thank you PTSA for your support to make this happen!

If you are picking your child up from school or they are riding a different bus, please make sure you send a note and ask them to turn it into the office.

Important Dates:

February 18: Schools and Offices Closed: Students Off: President's Day

February 19-22 Spirit Week Middle School and Beyond

February 21: Blaze Pizza Spirit Night

February 22 Career Day

February 28th Angst movie sponsored by the HMS PTSA from 5:30-7:30 in the evening

March 1: Early Release 12:25pm

March 5: Interim's Go Home

March 9 is VBODA District 8 Orchestra performance assessment at Jamestown high school. Hornsby 7/8 Orchestra warm up and performance is at 10:45 am

March 12: MS Parent Conference Night

March 15: Early Release 12:25pm

March 29: Va. Living Museum here for 7th grade presentation

March 29; Early Release 12:25pm End of 3rd Marking Period

April 1-5: Spring Break

April 8: 4th Marking Period Starts

April 12: Report Cards Go Home

May 7: Interim Reports Go Home

May 27: Memorial Day Schools and Offices Closed

June 12: MS Early Release: 12:25pm

June 12: **Stepping Up (8th grade ceremony) 2pm at WHS**

June 13: Early Release 12:25pm

June 20: Report Cards Mailed Home



Thank you!!!

Our **students and staff** are filled with Hornsby heart. The out pouring of love for Coach Randall was amazing and inspiring. Thank you for Purpling Out and signing the message wall. Check the Hornsby twitter feed for pictures.

Thank you to the families that are sending in Kleenex, hand sanitizer, and sanitizer wipes to our teachers. This helps them keep all of our soaring Hawks safe and healthy!



Thank you to the **PTSA** for the Souper Bowl Luncheon at the end of the 1st semester. It was delicious and we appreciate you soooo much!

Our students are wonderful! Students have been following the Hawk expectations. Our Hawks SOAR!

Hornsby Hawks SOAR

Safe

Organized

Accountable

Respectful